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For: CARTRIDGE STYLE FLUID DYNAMIC
BEARING WITH CONICAL OR SPHERICAL
BEARING ELEMENTS

Examiner: T. Hannon

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2005 (Paper No. 20050314), issued in accordance with the practice under *Ex Parte Quayle* for which a response is due on May 21, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Please enter the following amendment which responds to the requirements set forth in the Office Action, and pass this case to issue, as it is in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.